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FOR: TREPONEMA PALLIDUM FUSED ANTIGEN AND ASSAY FOR ANTI-TREPONEMA PALLIDUM ANTIBODIES USING THE SAME FUSED ANTIGEN

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend this specification as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment.

Pages 29-30, replace the paragraph beginning at line 21, page 29 to page 30 with the following paragraph:

--In Infection and Immunity, Vol. 60, p.1568-1576, 1992, it is reported that it is possible that 9 amino acids are further bonded to the C-terminus of 434 amino acids in 47K. Therefore, as shown in FIG. 2, at the amplification of the DNA fragment of 47K, a DNA fragment which encodes 47K was prepared by adding a DNA sequence corresponding to the 9 amino acids to the antisense primer to be used (SEQ ID NO: 30).--

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